

THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

THE OUTLOOK IN INDIANA.

GENERAL GRESHAM'S REASONS FOR PRONOUNCING THE STATE SAFE FOR BLAINE—THE TARIFF THE ISSUE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

A TALL CHIMNEY IN NEWARK STRUCK IRON, STONE AND BRICKS BURLED DOWN FROM A GREAT HEIGHT—MILLER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Postmaster-General Gresham returned from Indiana to-day, and to a Tribune correspondent he expressed his satisfaction with the political outlook in that State. He said: "I think we shall carry the State. I can safely believe Major Calkins and the remainder of the State ticket will be elected by a fair majority and the Republican electoral ticket by a still larger majority."

"How will the Prohibition vote be likely to affect the canvas?"

"It is too soon, perhaps, to estimate the probable strength of the Prohibition vote, but it is safe to say that for every Prohibition vote they lose the Republicans will gain more than one vote from the Democrats. There are some good and influential men interested in the Prohibition movement this year, but they will not be able to draw more than a small fraction of the Prohibition vote from the Republican ticket. I do not mean to say that all the Prohibitionists in Indiana are Republicans, but I suppose seven-eighths of them are. The most of them plainly see that to throw away their votes on a Prohibition candidate is to help the Democratic party, from whose tender mercies they, as Prohibitionists, have nothing whatever to expect. Therefore the regular Prohibition vote in Indiana this year will be much smaller than the Democrats will be glad to see."

"What about the Independent Republicans in Indiana? Will enough turn out to support Cleveland to insure Republican prospects?"

"I think there is no danger on that score. For every Republican in Indiana who will refuse to vote for Blaine there are three or four Democrats who will refuse to vote for Cleveland. A good many things are said about Republican disaffection in Indiana which are not true. Perhaps the same discount ought to be made from the reports of Republican opposition to Blaine and Logan in other States. For example, I saw a printed statement that Judge Marinale, of Indianapolis, would oppose Blaine and support Cleveland. That was altogether a mistake. The fact is, Indiana is rapidly coming into line in favor of a protective tariff policy. I regard it now as the strongest protective tariff State in the West, not excepting Ohio. Now, in Indiana there are a few free-traders who have been Republicans and who are disposed to shout against Blaine. About twenty of them signed a paper which was forwarded to the 'Independent' conference in New-York. All the rest, however, the bolt struck the chimney the rain was pouring in torrents. A streak of lightning almost straight and apparently about a quarter of a mile in length, shot from a pack of clouds over the city on the north and it was followed by a deafening clap of thunder. A crowd of persons who saw and heard the report remarked instantly 'That struck somewhere.' Although the chimney and house—the tallest in Newark—have stood about twenty years, this is the first time that either has had a visitation of the kind. There is no lightning rod on the chimney.

THE COTTON CROP.

ITS CONDITION IN JULY.

AN IMPROVEMENT NOTED—CRITICAL STATE OF THE CROP IN SOME STATES.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Aug. 4.—The report of the cotton crop of the United States for the month of July by the National Cotton Council was as follows: The month of July has on the whole been favorable for the cotton crop, and has resulted in an improvement of about 10 per cent, bringing it up to 87, as against 85 for June and 84 for May. On the Atlantic seaboard the rainfall was somewhat excessive, particularly in South Carolina, and the temperature is usually in Georgia. The low temperature and continuous rains during the first half of the month proved disastrous to the crop in North Carolina. In Alab. the plant has suffered from rains and deficient irrigation. The crop in Mississippi improved materially. West of Mobile the condition of the crop was considered to advance with timely showers, while the Texas crop, owing to the protracted drought, has made no progress. In a great State the situation is now very critical, for while the plant is still dry weather exponentially will it increase ground and suffering for want of moisture. Reference to the information at hand will show that at five Southern districts in the Atlantic States the rainfall was 100 per cent, as against 120 for July, while Alabama was 500, Georgia 122. In three districts west of the Mississippi, and against 182 inches, as compared with 214 in July, the Texas crop came to 100 per cent, and has been in a bad way.

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REPORTS FROM TEXAS.

GALVESTON, Aug. 4.—The news says the reports from the great crops in Texas are by no means favorable. While in some portions of the north and east there has been a general crop failure, the south has been a failure.

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